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BUILDING PERMITS IN NATION'S 200 LARGEST CITIES CLIMB

NEW YORK, April 24--Dun & Bradstreet reports that after subsiding in November, building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities rebounded during December to their second highest level on record. December permits totalled $3,233,145,536, some 18.2 per cent more than November's sum of $2,736,073,957, and only 1.5 per cent short of the record high $3,281,845,380 set in October 1980. Moreover, in comparison with December 1979's pace of $2,184,572,996, permits were up almost 50 per cent. (It should be pointed out, however, that December 1979's showing was the third lowest of all the monthly figures for 1979.)

Plans filed by builders in New York jumped 67.8 per cent in December to $166,043,459 from about $99 million in November. Nonetheless, filings in New York were actually down 22 per cent in relation to their relatively high year-ago level of $212,941,067 in the like month.

Permit activity rose 16.3 per cent between November 1980 and December 1980 in the 199 cities outside New York, to a sizeable $3,067,102,077 from $2,637,099,536. Helping boost December's figure were very strong permit gains in Houston, Fort Worth, Honolulu, Chattanooga, and Miami Beach. Valuations in the 199 cities also showed a huge 55.6 per cent gain over their December 1979 pace of $1,971,631,929--which was one of the three lowest monthly volumes for 1979.

For the full twelve months of 1980, permit issuances in the 200 cities together amounted to $32,275,311,852. That was a 7.5 per cent improvement over the $30,015,602,634 tally for all of 1979. The top five cities in terms of dollar amounts for the 1980 year were, in descending order, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Dallas, and Chicago. These five cities jointly accounted for 24.2 per cent (or $7.8 billion) of the $32.3 billion sum for all 200 cities. These five cities held exactly the same rankings for total 1979 also, when together they represented 22.6 per cent (or $6.8 billion) of the $30.0 billion 200-city sum. Looking at the top 25 cities in dollar volume for 1980, twenty of them had indeed made the list for 1979 as well. Newcomers to the leading 25 in 1980 were Tulsa, Washington, D. C., Detroit, Memphis, and Pittsburgh.

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2. DECEMBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February.....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,619
August.....	2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September....	2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....	3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November.....	2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December.....	3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL.....	$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the twelve months of 1980 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Twelve Months 1980	% Change Twelve Months 1979
1.	Houston, Texas.....	2406.5	+ 14.8
2.	Los Angeles, California.....	2154.6	+ 28.8
3.	New York, New York.....	1232.1	- 3.4
4.	Dallas, Texas.....	1157.2	+ 21.9
5.	Chicago, Illinois.....	845.2	+ 8.5
6.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	723.1	+ 27.5
7.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	687.3	- 2.3
8.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania...	635.6	+ 94.4
9.	San Diego, California.....	593.0	- 16.4
10.	Fort Worth, Texas.....	570.7	+ 67.0
11.	Seattle, Washington.....	535.4	+ 12.9
12.	Austin, Texas.....	485.1	+ 8.4
13.	San Francisco, California....	483.3	- 22.5
14.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	470.9	+ 64.0
15.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	469.8	+ 16.6
16.	San Antonio, Texas.....	410.7	+ 14.3
17.	San Jose, California.....	403.3	- 10.8
18.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	394.2	+ 26.2
19.	Washington, D. C.....	393.0	+ 43.9
20.	Indianapolis, Indiana.....	362.0	+ 17.8
21.	Detroit, Michigan.....	337.5	+ 75.0
22.	Denver, Colorado.....	332.7	+ 3.1
23.	Columbus, Ohio.....	325.5	- 12.1
24.	Memphis, Tennessee.....	313.3	+ 49.5
25.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	297.5	+ 174.4

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		DECEMBER 1980	TWELVE MONTHS 1980	TWELVE MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*	$	$	$
	MANHATTAN	144,987,233	752,748,045	846,834,631
	BRONX	2,442,300	50,493,305	87,200,918
	BROOKLYN	6,676,650	198,147,863	131,241,951
	QUEENS	7,402,700	143,257,985	110,743,869
	RICHMOND	4,534,576	87,466,988	100,042,789
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	166,043,459	1,232,112,186	1,276,064,158
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	65,871,557	845,180,578	778,637,154
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	153,863,052	2,154,639,533	1,673,408,341
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	31,845,585	635,552,117	326,947,033
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	10,008,362	337,522,814	192,873,609
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	360,223,543	2,406,505,167	2,096,703,894
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	6,794,548	251,801,207	237,009,923
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	168,178,432	1,157,203,594	948,971,354
9.	WASHINGTON, D.C.	12,618,531	393,037,365	275,054,210
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	5,377,272	162,432,458	104,772,383
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	29,423,631	362,021,958	307,265,248
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	14,032,337	182,635,271	147,094,061
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	35,917,179	483,281,792	623,917,130
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	61,664,082	592,957,826	709,247,829
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	40,257,866	410,659,644	359,190,462
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	10,880,000	223,102,900	313,059,237
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	8,338,078	313,333,139	209,647,087
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	4,549,300	164,166,250	185,377,116
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	48,179,408	243,811,602	267,077,122
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	49,034,933	687,347,580	703,244,844
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	13,737,632	325,538,883	370,506,847
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	20,556,238	535,399,373	474,129,014
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	18,914,772	268,054,778	240,484,515
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	54,641,459	297,484,884	108,398,188
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	42,399,683	332,746,418	322,704,315
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	26,500,000	202,604,881	214,206,023
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	24,362,347	469,783,833	403,049,899
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,323,427	32,853,845	31,452,748
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	11,987,554	184,704,736	231,732,828
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	12,603,648	239,225,289	255,984,508
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	29,484,240	403,268,057	451,979,106
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	16,324,918	243,099,031	241,337,172
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	168,575,876	570,725,703	341,661,342
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	2,732,773	99,326,452	156,844,869
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	28,823,250	276,116,810	238,065,831
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	5,122,230	43,318,792	27,010,123
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	52,623,709	394,206,403	312,462,035
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	8,779,492	124,279,648	165,279,264
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	1,538,246	102,443,550	41,352,314
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	4,621,715	142,564,601	157,344,639
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	26,865,205	131,112,017	126,365,688
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	28,719,079	262,482,574	270,401,528
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	68,092,029	470,922,228	287,114,878
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	182,770,273	723,102,792	568,991,017
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	22,716,068	257,307,627	238,078,103
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	5,440,154	121,055,221	158,250,366
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	3,697,015	59,167,574	69,471,060
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	7,133,679	200,333,375	127,149,302
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	4,244,008	69,464,694	58,045,423
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	14,150,375	232,417,503	68,539,274
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	10,354,038	151,523,334	184,066,878
52.	AKRON, OHIO	2,868,524	65,785,756	48,125,634
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	11,825,279	176,660,403	215,408,846
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	2,080,855	42,079,529	28,007,560
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	21,228,954	180,249,551	298,513,212
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	30,187,800	485,124,057	447,455,604
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	3,264,431	93,201,192	49,749,375
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	38,340,284	238,360,873	300,253,552
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	5,625,334	71,246,785	88,977,210
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	47,339,098	231,232,769	150,726,075
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	7,359,629	91,983,583	101,738,578
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	9,710,414	186,243,293	161,850,779
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	444,958	26,494,783	17,212,431
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	2,178,257	81,263,751	93,093,432
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	3,395,714	92,462,793	68,423,618
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	693,688	19,270,744	50,882,859
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	729,276	45,214,046	51,563,610
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	14,465,072	136,235,912	110,049,766
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	8,547,063	129,876,492	116,389,970
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	217,144	4,456,599	7,575,710
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	693,550	19,677,375	29,773,235
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	3,767,290	116,418,831	88,080,059
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,345,317	32,483,907	26,086,375
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	18,133,214	145,401,211	193,941,051
75.	GARY, INDIANA	879,516	16,279,080	33,225,455
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	12,359,406	93,072,382	85,392,277
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	5,235,362	66,876,378	76,613,248
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	14,436,190	236,175,999	290,885,461
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	2,835,175	105,909,978	165,094,695
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	4,554,950	33,311,962	59,264,308
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	10,157,550	138,612,615	177,445,939
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	16,401,252	168,638,713	199,647,101
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	16,538,576	165,428,181	192,209,333
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	2,340,208	69,576,508	54,423,741
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,821,814	95,504,283	65,709,366
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	9,033,976	73,252,929	84,183,940
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	689,980	12,803,729	18,303,128
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	2,878,688	95,628,332	133,266,344
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	2,392,083	76,048,017	49,816,253
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	2,732,982	102,466,609	79,274,631
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	2,439,982	81,941,452	78,137,541
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	5,005,720	80,941,568	104,583,750
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	1,974,821	62,591,557	49,982,796
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	398,055	21,655,314	13,353,544
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	8,676,180	104,231,429	82,889,869
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	5,418,892	66,313,446	84,010,064
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	191,400	12,619,268	13,257,496
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	2,772,960	105,745,406	98,552,690
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	5,144,115	40,101,828	30,575,912
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	3,622,824	37,698,562	60,985,842
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	$ 4,288,065	40,554,451	$ 63,293,124
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	19,383,850	64,688,524	24,489,475
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	30,831,932	232,010,864	148,123,117
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	5,326,410	69,186,820	45,020,515
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	7,215,700	85,795,400	89,398,200
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAROLINA	3,068,006	94,423,083	77,371,281
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	11,266,331	101,158,757	99,080,769
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	8,935,906	126,951,171	112,689,593
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	11,700,065	55,308,196	62,226,376
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	212,000	22,014,093	12,240,349
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	5,388,741	118,784,815	84,509,873
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	4,278,009	54,187,308	48,631,932
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	9,623,402	241,496,241	287,356,124
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	2,693,682	41,508,584	44,047,192
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	1,788,095	55,542,321	52,801,788
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	3,178,773	57,784,023	42,491,485
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	4,431,625	56,408,677	70,773,741
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	6,890,857	185,860,649	132,695,698
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	1,940,464	38,749,024	44,419,874
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	3,283,336	49,955,802	84,340,068
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	95,112,464	175,436,568	72,617,913
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	1,885,076	40,621,385	54,324,230
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	3,697,162	33,918,900	30,228,465
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.	5,787,613	60,477,317	64,251,837
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	10,076,472	124,880,884	94,392,099
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,548,441	20,851,428	31,031,949
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	3,917,752	41,803,545	28,051,288
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	2,223,934	104,696,808	78,962,096
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	216,600	10,020,398	7,224,453
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,412,386	24,850,455	35,699,120
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	853,426	17,454,070	26,125,949
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	1,702,104	92,436,745	85,932,348
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	2,403,741	36,726,345	72,963,187
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	1,234,061	52,396,602	101,517,277
135.	CANTON, OHIO	902,471	35,397,078	31,842,002
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	592,013	28,023,796	21,572,123
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	14,393,188	104,046,025	84,044,339
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	8,055,441	114,658,271	133,057,923
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	379,866	29,182,787	14,372,560
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	870,393	13,242,928	31,043,098
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	17,266,703	127,798,010	184,227,293
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	12,192,926	110,164,727	169,281,588
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	138,750	13,502,099	5,657,852
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	4,895,710	86,817,938	81,531,569
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,418,874	31,619,693	100,461,931
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	463,145	13,762,415	10,885,313
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	74,460	4,481,078	8,692,591
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	1,960,305	36,899,174	41,896,561
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	353,361	9,211,422	20,331,999
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	10,600,400	119,001,000	175,512,300
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	3,244,405	45,413,180	28,709,437
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	10,574,253	73,635,568	31,215,208
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,827,600	16,440,805	28,183,250
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,965,506	37,265,454	40,258,229
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	24,287,075	149,955,173	81,900,454
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	1,676,755	36,830,143	83,163,811
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	1,239,612	45,236,067	131,560,322
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	736,973	14,791,133	32,667,896
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	16,304,297	188,756,934	108,363,917
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,119,550	21,501,018	16,771,924
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	3,904,242	57,446,673	68,307,704
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	11,946,561	90,865,736	134,398,362
163.	WACO, TEXAS	4,005,015	72,739,479	83,081,930
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	4,778,300	48,483,447	25,482,335
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	319,749	41,636,586	21,719,649
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	17,264,359	91,565,837	90,378,981
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	3,228,491	85,820,548	70,111,594
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,095,679	36,863,747	34,215,687
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	8,549,833	35,838,155	10,921,259
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	634,410	7,078,710	8,410,820
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	2,065,221	40,523,102	61,124,466
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	396,905	18,545,074	8,153,958
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,534,750	18,400,998	13,367,194
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	20,972,305	249,717,998	354,418,862
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	4,285,850	41,141,842	29,220,245
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	160,250	8,562,670	30,598,205
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,941,965	42,166,671	21,177,175
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	3,678,105	73,148,143	63,012,243
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	1,787,689	76,138,939	77,334,756
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	16,925,049	55,618,288	59,527,823
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	432,499	46,453,971	14,224,882
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	5,867,100	62,355,777	67,421,550
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,139,705	8,498,685	8,739,912
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	3,400,798	30,760,162	25,896,033
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	5,152,305	99,626,724	148,466,776
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	252,900	5,166,768	5,318,303
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	3,455,320	26,240,454	13,510,368
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	1,921,893	36,330,653	59,678,164
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	2,347,487	37,074,939	35,070,900
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	10,881,095	88,733,852	91,272,488
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,248,738	11,921,801	9,428,111
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	12,805,285	91,894,996	93,669,075
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	42,014,471	145,082,728	41,470,892
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	85,674	10,706,280	17,977,068
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	21,756,914	34,288,502	26,158,912
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	3,091,322	38,579,610	63,197,458
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	1,245,000	21,039,721	13,953,540
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	16,503,683	66,397,259	32,572,616
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	1,398,325	7,521,780	10,116,720
200.	FONTIAC, MICHIGAN	590,686	90,565,625	48,446,813
TOTAL:	200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$ 3,233,145,536	$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES DOWNTURN IN EARLY 1981

NEW YORK, May 28--Building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities fell some 29 per cent in January after reaching their second-highest level on record in December, reports Dun & Bradstreet. Permit values for the first month of 1981 totalled $2,295,714,653 compared with the prior month's volume of $3,233,145,536. In relation to the January 1980 total of $2,239,448,528, however, permits did show a small year-to-year advance of 2.5 percentage points.

Following a large increase in December, plans filed by builders in New York plummeted in January to their lowest level in twelve months. Filings in New York totalled $42,695,776 during January or only one-fourth December's $166,043,459. Yet, filings were up 4.2 per cent from their relatively slow $40,955,633 pace of the January a year-earlier.

Permit valuations in the 199 cities outside New York were down 26.5 per cent in January, to $2,253,018,877, from their accelerated pace of $3,067,102,077 in December. However, they were 2.5 per cent higher than January 1980's $2,198,492,895 mark.

Despite the 26.5 per cent fall off from December in the 199 cities together, some individual cities did chalk up large contrasting increases from their particular December levels. Among them were Pittsburgh, Boston, Atlanta, Seattle, Columbus, Washington, D.C., Las Vegas, Memphis, New Bedford, and Corpus Christi. Moreover, unlike the small 2.5 per cent climb from a year earlier for the 199 cities as a whole, several cities individually experienced much bigger percentage gains (over January 1980 readings). These big gainers included Pittsburgh, Boston, Denver, San Antonio, Irving (Texas), New Bedford, and Lexington (Kentucky).

For the first month of 1981, just three cities saw dollar volume exceed $100 million. Houston led the nation in January with $179.6 million in permits; meanwhile, Pittsburgh ranked second, with $112.7 million. Los Angeles was in the third spot...permit values there totalling some $104 million.

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2. JANUARY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1978 - 1981

	1981	1980	1979	1978
January.....	$ 2,295,714,653	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317
February.....		2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444
March.....		2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038
April.....		2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609
May.....		2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484
June.....		2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926
July.....		2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719
August.....		2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105
September.....		2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509
October.....		3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414
November.....		2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106
December.....		3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416
TOTAL.....		$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first month of 1981 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

		January 1981	% Change January 1980
1.	Houston, Texas.....	179.6	+ 28.8
2.	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	112.7	+1405.8
3.	Los Angeles, California.....	104.0	- 39.7
4.	Boston, Massachusetts.....	79.3	+ 535.3
5.	Denver, Colorado.....	73.8	+ 446.8
6.	Honolulu, Hawaii.....	59.3	+ 31.5
7.	Atlanta, Georgia.....	49.7	- 15.2
8.	San Antonio, Texas.....	49.7	+ 205.4
9.	Seattle, Washington.....	48.4	- 35.8
10.	Dallas, Texas.....	47.1	- 39.1
11.	Chicago, Illinois.....	44.3	- 13.1
12.	Phoenix, Arizona.....	43.4	- 34.2
13.	Austin, Texas.....	42.9	+ 44.1
14.	New York, N. Y.....	42.7	+ 4.2
15.	Columbus, Ohio.....	40.2	+ 231.4
16.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	39.7	+ 81.7
17.	San Jose, California.....	37.0	+ 80.5
18.	Washington, D. C.....	33.9	- 21.6
19.	Jacksonville, Florida.....	31.5	+ 50.7
20.	Las Vegas, Nevada.....	29.9	+ 73.2
21.	Memphis, Tennessee.....	29.8	- 21.7
22.	San Francisco, California.....	29.8	- 48.3
23.	Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	28.0	+ 16.4
24.	Irving, Texas.....	25.4	+ 241.4
25.	San Diego, California.....	24.9	- 44.8

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1980 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		JANUARY 1981	DECEMBER 1980	JANUARY 1980
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK*	$	$	$
	MANHATTAN	20,427,912	144,987,233	13,935,889
	BRONX	3,532,352	2,442,300	1,005,300
	BROOKLYN	7,103,650	6,676,650	3,685,400
	QUEENS	8,669,300	7,402,700	13,938,730
	RICHMOND	2,962,562	4,534,576	8,390,314
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	42,695,776	166,043,459	40,955,633
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	44,321,080	65,871,557	51,005,649
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	103,986,248	153,863,052	172,536,757
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	19,816,354	31,845,585	15,329,754
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	11,156,444	10,008,362	6,581,213
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	179,558,472	360,223,543	139,415,478
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	15,660,809	6,794,548	15,324,965
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	47,138,597	168,178,432	77,367,476
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	33,935,423	12,618,531	43,302,730
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	7,944,056	5,372,272	2,802,805
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	10,198,661	29,423,611	9,014,561
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	16,957,714	14,032,337	5,162,832
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	29,805,870	35,917,179	57,662,541
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	24,870,054	61,664,082	45,068,079
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	49,669,726	40,257,866	16,265,685
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	79,298,000	10,880,000	12,481,000
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	29,832,628	8,338,078	38,102,674
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	4,732,713	4,549,300	13,963,038
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	10,447,917	48,179,408	12,163,744
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	43,393,598	49,034,933	65,922,164
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	40,234,141	13,737,632	12,140,127
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	48,396,546	20,556,238	75,428,652
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	31,469,082	18,914,772	20,888,711
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	112,685,201	54,641,459	7,483,338
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	73,831,164	42,399,683	13,502,912
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	7,550,406	26,500,000	6,202,517
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	49,686,091	24,362,547	58,584,860
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,529,623	1,323,427	629,095
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	10,791,979	11,987,554	16,086,309
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	7,137,333	12,603,648	13,273,032
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	37,000,333	29,484,240	20,500,185
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	9,032,528	16,324,918	14,410,019
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	21,884,831	166,575,876	19,673,118
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	9,558,896	2,732,773	15,819,340
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	23,901,115	28,823,250	36,167,195
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	1,076,150	5,122,230	1,173,805
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	39,738,472	52,623,709	21,864,555
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	7,499,246	8,779,492	18,480,470
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	5,577,610	1,538,248	7,159,370
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	5,749,820	4,621,715	13,176,055
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	7,979,750	26,865,205	5,940,062
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	11,811,412	28,719,079	20,279,768
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	28,018,700	68,092,029	24,067,400
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	59,336,049	182,770,273	45,137,692
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	24,151,395	22,716,068	17,246,388
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	3,514,486	5,440,154	5,512,121
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	3,234,553	3,697,015	6,458,176
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	8,735,952	7,133,679	10,217,787
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	618,567	4,244,008	3,922,915
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	15,377,169	14,150,375	14,090,663
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	11,949,316	10,354,038	15,757,811
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,752,032	2,868,524	4,092,101
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	9,908,869	11,825,279	14,370,948
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	822,800	2,080,855	1,774,350
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	14,527,593	21,228,954	8,507,703
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	42,947,400	30,187,600	29,809,400
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	2,790,595	3,264,431	29,614,672
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	11,381,719	38,340,284	17,603,790
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	4,968,596	5,625,334	1,026,748
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	21,051,659	47,339,098	12,079,287
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	11,583,664	7,359,629	10,478,640
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	19,726,910	9,710,414	28,068,633
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	265,000	444,988	3,811,500
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	2,078,324	2,178,257	1,929,732
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	7,753,630	3,395,714	13,948,735
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	1,957,445	693,688	529,605
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	863,551	729,276	799,623
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	8,672,050	14,465,072	9,033,699
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	5,062,726	8,547,063	5,051,880
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	45,069	217,144	257,868
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	181,850	693,550	3,833,150
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	1,454,835	3,767,290	5,699,822
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,735,615	2,345,117	2,110,620
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	2,626,935	18,133,214	4,641,209
75.	GARY, INDIANA	365,000	879,516	601,115
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	6,200,782	12,359,406	9,220,201
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	2,977,959	5,235,362	1,877,073
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	24,542,010	14,436,190	17,200,256
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	7,136,372	2,835,175	5,667,498
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	1,535,806	4,554,950	1,233,306
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	8,431,668	10,157,550	10,832,237
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	8,631,862	16,401,252	20,429,826
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	20,024,580	16,538,576	11,211,394
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,092,026	2,340,208	6,069,628
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,052,275	1,821,814	3,791,459
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	5,081,405	9,033,976	7,340,334
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	461,675	689,980	637,150
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	13,220,011	2,878,688	2,102,311
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	9,784,592	2,392,083	12,277,128
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	3,421,669	2,732,982	9,779,808
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	4,292,490	2,439,982	2,865,227
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	10,331,805	5,005,720	4,701,874
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	3,311,523	1,974,821	4,396,128
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	481,837	399,055	323,683
95.	GREENSBORO, NO. CAROLINA	4,090,649	8,676,180	4,903,089
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	9,407,733	5,418,892	8,061,950
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	635,500	191,400	554,459
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	3,775,700	2,772,960	19,121,835
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	1,148,449	5,144,115	1,699,212
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	6,004,036	3,622,824	1,344,175
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	$ 5,843,537	$ 4,288,065	$ 5,552,564
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	5,457,440	19,383,850	4,876,980
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	11,945,608	30,631,932	24,799,421
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	6,808,005	5,326,410	5,335,005
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	3,988,700	7,215,700	8,601,500
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAROLINA	6,697,706	3,068,006	4,651,832
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	2,905,375	11,266,331	1,993,864
108.	LITTLE TOCK, ARKANSAS	4,084,204	8,935,906	5,519,324
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	6,527,513	1,700,065	2,085,582
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	136,900	232,000	212,838
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	10,942,044	5,388,741	29,975,500
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	910,900	4,278,009	1,818,588
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	29,929,095	9,623,902	17,281,773
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	1,593,500	2,693,682	2,491,156
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	3,057,238	1,788,095	2,034,397
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	1,038,753	3,178,773	1,437,545
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	4,812,230	4,433,625	2,460,409
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	7,906,742	6,890,857	16,712,386
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,139,049	1,940,464	2,474,559
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	945,518	3,283,336	5,428,623
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	3,803,795	95,112,464	16,880,864
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	2,278,565	1,885,076	2,273,167
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	2,200,428	3,697,162	4,238,885
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF	8,806,446	5,787,613	6,197,889
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	11,755,009	10,078,972	3,483,169
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	489,289	1,548,441	834,173
127.	COLUMBIA, SO. CAROLINA	5,489,981	3,917,752	4,271,957
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	4,276,589	2,223,934	6,555,187
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	415,000	216,600	354,310
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,301,718	1,412,386	865,137
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	3,148,210	853,426	1,853,345
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	10,671,668	1,702,104	3,985,850
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	3,756,046	2,403,741	514,354
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	2,314,975	1,734,061	3,211,583
135.	CANTON, OHIO	1,428,638	902,471	490,692
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	2,639,715	592,013	2,093,195
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	10,120,900	14,393,188	4,807,110
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	17,599,022	8,055,441	5,091,368
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	443,235	379,866	312,125
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	282,680	870,393	833,809
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	3,412,375	17,266,703	4,421,833
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	3,147,066	12,192,920	44,595,612
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	30,000	138,750	1,760,130
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	10,349,403	4,895,710	3,075,687
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	706,411	2,418,874	762,878
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	105,745	463,145	3,118,961
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	34,974	74,460	121,955
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	1,979,567	1,960,305	5,179,742
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	22,187,255	353,361	1,895,150
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	8,867,200	10,600,400	3,564,700
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	532,129	3,244,405	829,579
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	4,918,440	10,574,253	1,798,159
153.	PARMA, OHIO	347,680	1,627,600	209,800
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	964,385	1,965,506	7,930,976
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	6,473,799	24,287,075	5,455,688
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	5,425,022	1,676,755	819,417
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	6,174,217	1,239,612	3,890,539
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	800,907	736,973	915,609
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	25,407,132	16,304,297	7,441,490
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	295,582	1,119,550	253,800
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	3,221,479	3,904,242	2,322,613
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	10,030,165	11,946,561	10,946,835
163.	WACO, TEXAS	4,225,423	4,005,015	2,840,790
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	4,277,995	4,776,300	547,315
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	595,895	319,749	9,328,475
166.	HAWYARD, CALIFORNIA	8,703,773	17,264,559	7,526,204
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	3,219,307	3,228,491	3,742,326
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,119,000	1,095,679	1,365,453
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	232,158	8,849,833	320,503
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	330,730	634,410	449,400
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	1,740,532	2,065,221	937,144
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	497,130	396,905	531,175
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	3,407,619	1,534,750	336,787
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	17,688,864	20,972,305	16,560,977
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	489,600	4,285,850	1,929,425
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	2,494,750	160,250	907,466
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	1,291,454	1,941,965	3,078,350
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,164,988	7,678,105	5,424,479
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	2,125,252	1,787,689	10,467,503
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,703,855	16,925,049	8,112,915
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	3,082,665	432,499	225,390
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	5,080,938	5,887,100	11,312,943
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	1,655,345	1,139,705	532,276
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	8,027,065	3,400,798	1,965,813
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	3,224,815	5,152,305	5,863,677
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	205,000	252,900	737,025
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	277,235	3,455,320	253,161
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	918,160	1,921,893	1,069,228
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	561,362	2,347,487	378,210
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	3,848,654	10,881,095	3,898,215
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	89	1,248,738	1,594,250
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	4,694,401	12,805,285	4,471,287
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	8,947,144	42,014,471	3,262,869
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	251,077	85,674	184,327
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	509,741	21,756,914	981,054
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	1,130,191	3,091,322	1,102,996
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	305,114	1,245,000	318,056
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	5,411,174	16,503,683	907,577
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	178,025	1,398,325	173,455
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	518,897	590,686	387,580
TOTAL:	200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$ 2,295,714,653	$ 3,233,145,536	$ 2,239,448,528

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES RISE DESPITE DECLINE IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, July 31 - - Dun & Bradstreet reports that building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities rose 5.5 per cent in February to $2,457,686,843 after having declined to $2,329,353,243 (revised) in January. Permit issuances in the 200 cities were also up 1.3 per cent from their comparable February 1980 pace of $2,425,794,216.

The increase for the 200 cities (between January 1981 and February 1981) came despite a 44.1 per cent drop in filings for New York. Plans filed by builders in the city fell to $42,695,776 from $76,334,366 (revised) in January. Filings in New York were also down some 34.5 per cent from their like year-ago level of $65,139,270.

For the 199 cities outside New York, permit valuations grew by 7.2 per cent in February to $2,414,991,067 from $2,253,018,877 the month prior. Several individual cities posted strong gains in dollar volume over January's levels. Among them were Houston, Los Angeles, Jacksonville, Irving (Texas), Long Beach, Miami, and Chattanooga. The 199 cities (together) also scored a 2.3 per cent improvement from their February 1980 reading of $2,360,654,946. The aforementioned seven cities, and Pittsburgh, likewise registered large individual year-to-year advances in permits.

In the first two months of 1981, permit activity in the 200 cities amounted to $4,787,040,086 or 2.6 per cent more than the $4,665,242,744 for the like two months in 1980. Pittsburgh had just over $216 million in permits for the first two months of 1981 (the third highest figure behind only Houston and Los Angeles), representing a huge improvement over its $13.1 million showing for the same period in 1980.

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2. FEBRUARY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1978 - 1981

	1981	1980	1979	1978
January.....	$ 2,329,353,243R	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317
February.....	2,457,686,843	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444
March.....		2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038
April.....		2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609
May.....		2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484
June.....		2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926
July.....		2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719
August.....		2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105
September.....		2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509
October.....		3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414
November.....		2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106
December.....		3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416
TOTAL.....		$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first two months of 1981 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

	Two Months 1981	% Change Two Months 1980
1. Houston, Texas.....	430.5	+ 50.1
2. Los Angeles California.....	306.2	- 8.7
3. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	216.1	+ 1554.6
4. Jacksonville, Florida.....	124.7	+ 116.6
5. New York, N. Y.	119.0	+ 12.2
6. Denver, Colorado.....	104.1	+ 124.1
7. Dallas, Texas.....	99.8	- 24.7
8. Austin, Texas.....	97.3	+ 43.6
9. Boston, Massachusetts.....	94.1	+ 194.6
10. Phoenix, Arizona.....	92.2	- 18.0
11. Chicago, Illinois.....	87.3	+ 3.3
12. San Antonio, Texas.....	85.2	+ 104.9
13. Honolulu, Hawaii.....	82.7	- 22.7
14. Irving, Texas.....	75.5	+ 128.8
15. San Diego, California.....	73.0	- 21.5
16. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	72.3	+ 105.3
17. Seattle, Washington.....	71.3	- 37.1
18. Atlanta, Georgia.....	63.9	- 37.2
19. Washington, D. C.	63.4	+ 1.7
20. San Francisco, California.....	61.9	- 71.5
21. Las Vegas, Nevada.....	56.8	+ 91.8
22. Miami, Florida.....	55.9	+ 107.6
23. San Jose, California.....	54.6	- 6.5
24. Columbus, Ohio.....	54.4	+ 56.9
25. Long Beach, California.....	53.5	+ 137.7

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES MONTHLY BUILDING PERMIT VALUES FOR THE 200 LARGEST CITIES BY POPULATION AS RECORDED IN THE 1970 CENSUS. THE FIGURES REPRESENT ESTIMATED BUILDING COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE	FEBRUARY 1981	TWO MONTHS 1981	TWO MONTHS 1980
1. NEW YORK, NEW YORK*	$	$	$
MANHATTAN	20,427,912	54,210,112	52,126,889
BRONX	3,532,352	7,478,752	3,009,650
BROOKLYN	7,103,650	11,686,500	12,062,850
QUEENS	8,669,300	37,891,200	17,087,172
RICHMOND	2,962,562	7,763,578	21,808,342
TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	42,695,776	119,030,142	106,094,903
2. CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	43,013,976	87,335,056	84,584,122
3. LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	202,181,883	306,168,131	335,241,436
4. PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	16,188,598	36,004,952	129,590,371
5. DETROIT, MICHIGAN	26,285,186	37,441,630	66,173,946
6. HOUSTON, TEXAS	250,937,300	430,495,772	286,745,435
7. BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	13,731,156	29,391,965	24,566,925
8. DALLAS, TEXAS	52,671,560	99,810,157	132,511,188
9. WASHINGTON, D. C.	29,426,654	63,362,027	62,802,555
10. CLEVELAND, OHIO	7,558,003	15,502,059	18,892,127
11. INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	15,818,509	26,017,170	25,388,114
12. MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	7,108,775	24,066,489	17,428,348
13. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	32,109,477	61,915,347	217,133,757
14. SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	48,144,442	73,014,496	92,974,418
15. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	35,504,152	85,173,878	41,567,678
16. BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	14,757,800	94,055,800	31,922,000
17. MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	17,155,840	46,988,468	78,565,756
18. ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	6,446,549	11,179,262	29,064,214
19. NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	16,362,516	26,810,433	22,436,242
20. PHOENIX, ARIZONA	48,768,474	92,162,072	112,451,295
21. COLUMBUS, OHIO	14,150,484	54,384,625	34,660,495
22. SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	22,935,766	71,332,312	111,463,346
23. JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	93,271,649	124,740,731	57,587,203
24. PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	103,420,350	216,105,551	13,060,621
25. DENVER, COLORADO	30,312,941	104,144,105	46,471,958
26. KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	32,425,611	39,976,017	11,928,183
27. ATLANTA, GEORGIA	14,178,524	63,864,615	101,655,614
28. BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,063,180	2,592,803	1,480,642
29. CINCINNATI, OHIO	4,879,704	15,671,683	23,679,606
30. NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	14,205,577	21,342,910	27,017,866
31. SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	17,624,719	54,625,062	58,441,959
32. MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	4,043,722	13,076,250	40,652,029
33. FORT WORTH, TEXAS	15,839,856	37,724,687	35,801,501
34. TOLEDO, OHIO	6,056,196	15,615,092	18,394,169
35. PORTLAND, OREGON	8,223,000	32,124,115	50,121,145
36. NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	1,316,025	2,392,175	1,819,069
37. OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	32,538,928	72,277,400	35,213,230
38. OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	14,943,435	22,442,681	29,460,516
39. LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	2,737,635	8,315,745	11,322,718
40. LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	47,742,969	53,492,789	22,508,322
41. OMAHA, NEBRASKA	2,922,468	10,902,218	8,540,257
42. MIAMI, FLORIDA	44,133,595	55,945,007	26,948,087
43. TULSA, OKLAHOMA	25,306,600	53,325,300	53,053,538
44. HONOLULU, HAWAII	23,316,915	82,652,964	106,867,612
45. EL PASO, TEXAS	20,832,653	44,984,048	38,592,564
46. ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	7,533,751	11,048,229	19,613,474
47. NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	4,790,955	8,025,308	8,492,700
48. BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	21,966,932	30,702,884	23,258,588
49. ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	2,583,421	3,001,988	7,985,445
50. TAMPA, FLORIDA	15,202,974	30,580,143	34,955,606
51. WICHITA, KANSAS	16,128,834	28,078,150	21,594,601
52. AKRON, OHIO	5,243,249	9,995,281	9,565,996
53. TUCSON, ARIZONA	9,198,338	19,107,207	25,673,611
54. JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	3,861,168	4,884,168	2,455,000
55. SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	9,767,605	24,294,998	23,791,475
56. AUSTIN, TEXAS	54,345,400	97,297,800	67,739,650
57. RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	2,653,906	5,444,501	33,515,571
58. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	11,157,372	22,539,091	31,847,846
59. DAYTON, OHIO	2,146,917	7,115,513	7,938,794
60. CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	17,929,122	38,980,781	22,928,277
61. ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	2,904,762	14,488,426	21,855,290
62. CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	13,470,578	33,197,488	43,395,069
63. YONKERS, NEW YORK	597,286	862,286	4,049,660
64. DES MOINES, IOWA	903,782	2,982,106	5,434,875
65. GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	2,665,200	10,418,830	15,583,670
66. SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	601,155	2,558,600	2,248,347
67. FLINT, MICHIGAN	1,042,642	1,906,193	1,788,010
68. MOBILE, ALABAMA	10,377,012	19,049,062	25,914,364
69. SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	8,125,178	13,187,904	9,473,018
70. WARREN, MICHIGAN	55,630	100,699	452,061
71. PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	2,330,100	2,511,950	4,804,600
72. FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	6,458,774	7,913,609	23,745,713
73. WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	11,708,713	13,444,328	7,605,045
74. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	5,324,834	7,951,769	15,740,819
75. GARY, INDIANA	4,641,094	5,206,094	1,444,592
76. KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	1,536,597	7,737,379	10,546,740
77. MADISON, WISCONSIN	6,149,107	9,127,066	4,973,281
78. VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	13,725,771	38,267,781	29,807,757
79. SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	12,089,966	19,226,338	17,566,943
80. KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	4,972,939	6,508,745	2,348,706
81. ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	22,495,315	30,926,983	19,998,915
82. FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	9,363,865	17,995,727	28,872,007
83. BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	14,896,185	34,920,765	22,351,506
84. SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	10,800,161	11,892,187	11,526,486
85. HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	1,371,114	2,423,389	12,442,174
86. SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	2,826,437	7,907,842	11,220,503
87. BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,812,646	2,274,321	2,112,606
88. TACOMA, WASHINGTON	7,309,668	20,529,679	8,294,684
89. COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	12,307,346	22,091,938	34,573,948
90. JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	4,090,272	7,511,941	12,288,830
91. LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	3,838,447	8,130,937	15,233,728
92. LUBBOCK, TEXAS	13,136,852	23,468,657	10,976,382
93. ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	1,496,917	4,808,440	11,166,610
94. PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	318,346	800,201	9,665,396
95. GREENSBORO, NO. CAROLINA	8,033,738	12,124,387	8,405,413
96. RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	5,000,204	14,407,937	9,172,567
97. YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	389,527	1,025,027	1,000,532
98. FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	4,417,775	8,193,475	34,642,940
99. EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,973,015	4,121,464	2,335,682
100. NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	2,666,535	8,670,571	2,569,983
101. HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	2,308,971	8,152,508	24,408,882
102. NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	750,500	6,207,940	9,163,215
103. COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	15,404,729	27,350,337	36,758,045
104. TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	4,898,675	11,706,680	7,543,000
105. MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	3,544,500	7,533,200	14,840,600
106. WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAROLINA	7,706,865	14,404,571	23,164,508
107. GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	5,820,895	8,726,270	16,595,802
108. LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	7,618,404	11,702,608	11,747,391
109. LANSING, MICHIGAN	2,548,749	9,076,262	3,953,379
110. ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	86,500	223,400	355,098
111. AMARILLO, TEXAS	3,592,512	14,534,556	41,088,860
112. PEORIA, ILLINOIS	2,610,784	3,521,684	9,044,392
113. LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	26,844,529	56,773,624	29,594,502
114. SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	279,331	1,872,831	5,970,556
115. TOPEKA, KANSAS	3,077,300	6,134,538	2,698,565
116. GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	2,539,067	3,577,820	3,082,777
117. MACON, GEORGIA	4,321,500	9,133,730	6,477,515
118. RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	11,129,962	19,036,704	26,083,272
119. HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,337,811	4,476,860	4,877,279
120. SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	1,446,151	2,391,669	7,816,224
121. CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	39,065,107	42,868,902	20,788,677
122. SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	3,600,037	5,878,602	10,086,174
123. BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,006,272	3,206,700	13,927,582
124. HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIF.	14,924,823	23,731,269	8,526,194
125. BEAUMONT, TEXAS	8,592,877	20,347,886	11,075,260
126. ALBANY, NEW YORK	717,319	1,206,638	1,262,347
127. COLUMBIA, SO. CAROLINA	2 102,659	7,592,640	11,733,264
128. PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	3,942,573	8,219,162	9,967,699
129. ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	147,000	562,000	574,885
130. INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	583,400	1,885,118	1,717,233
131. PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	910,146	4,058,356	2,766,399
132. ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	1,364,988	12,036,656	8,959,998
133. CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	638,405	4,394,451	3,895,043
134. LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	764,491	3,079,466	4,412,019
135. CANTON, OHIO	1,624,211	3,052,849	2,921,631
136. ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	3,467,985	6,107,700	2,526,005
137. STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	9,964,613	20,085,513	6,443,360
138. LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	6,219,221	23,818,243	13,251,244
139. WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	2,211,500	2,654,735	563,805
140. HAMMOND, INDIANA	8,474,171	8,756,851	1,074,980
141. STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	5,041,055	8,453,430	9,060,398
142. HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	1,790,298	4,937,764	47,029,673
143. TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	1,763,000	1,793,000	1,890,420
144. SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	8,354,521	18,703,924	12,773,895
145. DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	659,099	1,365,510	3,271,836
146. SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	203,024	308,769	7,147,015
147. CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	1,489,225	1,524,199	237,324
148. HIALEAH, FLORIDA	3,565,831	5,545,398	6,036,857
149. NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,335,600	23,322,855	2,111,325
150. FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	15,850,600	24,717,800	11,930,300
151. DULUTH, MINNESOTA	688,182	1,220,311	3,819,478
152. CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	3,405,285	8,323,725	22,228,596
153. PARMA, OHIO	382,486	730,166	356,400
154. ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	1,724,774	2,689,159	8,308,695
155. ORLANDO, FLORIDA	3,343,583	9,817,382	17,558,424
156. DAVENPORT, IOWA	676,114	6,101,136	3,179,102
157. WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	2,151,667	8,325,884	7,759,832
158. PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,514,847	2,315,754	1,922,075
159. IRVING, TEXAS	50,080,032	75,487,164	32,992,059
160. FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	642,900	938,482	370,500
161. DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	6,423,642	9,645,121	4,017,956
162. SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	3,552,388	13,582,553	18,576,619
163. WACO, TEXAS	8,877,447	13,102,870	24,102,684
164. RACINE, WISCONSIN	127,850	4,405,845	672,705
165. LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,103,365	1,699,260	9,687,825
166. HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	4,489,343	13,193,116	17,531,076
167. LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	6,243,819	9,463,126	13,286,728
168. ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	1,995,014	3,114,014	6,478,716
169. SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	186,710	418,868	1,511,140
170. NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	722,880	1,053,610	797,990
171. SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	1,668,284	3,408,816	1,973,328
172. UTICA, NEW YORK	92,917	590,047	744,290
173. NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	2,252,710	5,660,329	1,020,703
174. ARLINGTON, TEXAS	30,222,894	47,911,758	31,938,665
175. DECATUR, ILLINOIS	343,711	833,311	2,118,061
176. LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	140,800	2,635,550	1,273,691
177. INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	6,320,817	7,612,271	12,772,195
178. ABILENE, TEXAS	11,625,776	17,790,764	13,322,933
179. CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	5,198,954	7,324,206	13,732,099
180. PASADENA, TEXAS	5,658,822	8,362,677	9,964,818
181. BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	15,213,875	18,296,540	517,375
182. BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	4,680,146	9,761,084	21,138,961
183. SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	258,000	1,913,345	631,401
184. DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,131,368	9,158,433	3,107,666
185. SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	4,615,961	7,840,776	14,528,104
186. ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	56,300	281,300	864,325
187. QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	6,332,587	6,609,822	986,586
188. GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	2,430,400	3,348,560	2,587,328
189. MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	914,839	1,476,201	751,205
190. SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	17,327,202	21,175,856	5,996,360
191. READING, PENNSYLVANIA	357,244	357,333	2,106,731
192. POMONA, CALIFORNIA	8,688,810	13,383,211	4,807,642
193. MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	15,738,252	24,685,396	8,730,819
194. WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	191,222	442,299	624,517
195. SIOUX CITY, IOWA	3,633,285	4,143,026	1,727,003
196. FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	4,603,917	5,734,108	3,770,543
197. NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	203,685	508,799	713,856
198. KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	1,033,755	6,444,929	2,875,683
199. ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	80,550	258,575	492,280
200. PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	271,029	789,926	27,874,611
TOTAL: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$ 2,457,686,843	$ 4,787,040,096	$ 4,665,242,744

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BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES ADVANCE

NEW YORK, August 10 -- Following an upturn in February, building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities continued to advance in March, according to Dun & Bradstreet. March permit values totalled $2,808,493,415 or 14.3 per cent more than the $2,457,686,843 volume for February. And, for the seventh straight month, building permits in the 200 cities exceeded their comparable year-ago level. Permit values ran 5.9 per cent ahead of March 1980's pace of $2,652,435,406.

In New York, plans filed by builders rebounded sizably during March after slowing in both of the two months prior. Filings in New York reached $97,715,776, a bit more than two-and-a-quarter times its February volume of $42,695,776. However, filings in the city showed a 64.1 per cent deficit in comparison with an exceptionally busy year-ago pace of $272,511,228.

Permit valuations for the 199 cities outside New York posted double-digit gains in March. During that month they amounted to $2,710,777,639 or 12.2 per cent more than February's total of $2,414,991,067. Permit activity in the 199 cities likewise advanced, some 13.9 per cent, from their comparable March 1980 level of $2,379,924,178. Some of these 199 cities posted large individual percentage gains from both their month-ago and year-ago levels. Among them were Boston, Irving (Texas), San Francisco, Lexington (Kentucky), Nashville, Honolulu, Richmond, Santa Clara, Knoxville, and Kalamazoo.

For the first quarter of 1981, permit issuances in the 200 cities reached $7,595,533,501. That was 3.8 per cent more than the $7,317,678,150 tally set in the like three months of 1980. The top five cities in issuances for this first quarter of 1981 were (in descending order): Houston, Los Angeles, Pittsburgh, New York and Boston.

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MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES
1978 - 1981

	1981	1980	1979	1978
January.....	$ 2,329,353,243R	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$ 1,555,200,317
February.....	2,457,686,843	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444
March.....	2,808,493,415	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038
April.....		2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609
May.....		2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484
June.....		2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926
July.....		2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719
August.....		2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105
September.....		2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509
October.....		3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414
November.....		2,736,073,957	2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106
December.....		3,233,145,536	2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416
TOTAL.....		$32,275,311,852	$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087

R = Revised

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first three months of 1981 were:

(Millions of Dollars)

	Three Months 1981	% Change Three Months 1980
1. Houston, Texas.....	657.6	+ 25.5
2. Los Angeles, California.....	452.1	- 0.7
3. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.....	221.3	+ 906.7
4. New York, N. Y.	216.7	- 42.8
5. Boston, Massachusetts.....	191.8	+ 128.1
6. Dallas, Texas.....	174.1	- 8.9
7. Irving, Texas.....	154.7	+ 214.0
8. Phoenix, Arizona.....	145.7	- 14.1
9. Jacksonville, Florida.....	144.8	+ 89.6
10. Denver, Colorado.....	142.1	+ 117.9
11. Honolulu, Hawaii.....	135.7	- 4.9
12. San Francisco, California.....	133.3	- 49.0
13. San Diego, California.....	132.8	- 11.4
14. Chicago, Illinois.....	128.1	- 37.2
15. Austin, Texas.....	127.2	+ 10.5
16. Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.....	118.0	+ 114.6
17. Washington, D. C.	117.0	+ 8.0
18. San Antonio, Texas.....	114.8	+ 64.3
19. Seattle, Washington.....	97.1	- 35.4
20. Atlanta, Georgia.....	86.2	- 32.5
21. Tulsa, Oklahoma.....	79.6	+ 12.7
22. San Jose, California.....	78.8	- 17.0
23. Miami, Florida.....	75.2	+ 98.2
24. Columbus, Ohio.....	74.3	+ 20.7
25. Memphis, Tennessee.....	73.6	- 22.5

ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES.

RANK BY SIZE		MARCH 1981	THREE MONTHS 1981	THREE MONTHS 1980
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK			
	MANHATTAN	$ 70,692,494	$ 124,902,606	$ 273,868,789
	BRONX	8,419,800	15,898,552	10,399,210
	BROOKLYN	4,347,500	16,034,000	38,004,450
	QUEENS	3,207,774	41,098,974	27,575,462
	RICHMOND	11,048,208	18,811,786	28,758,220
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	97,715,776	216,745,918	378,606,131
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	40,791,507	128,126,563	204,110,876
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	145,961,127	452,129,258	455,476,800
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	23,666,487	59,671,439	157,311,805
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	18,647,689	56,089,319	71,172,477
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	227,084,923	657,580,695	524,156,933
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	9,238,334	38,630,299	68,700,218
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	74,274,260	174,084,417	191,194,176
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	53,665,535	117,027,612	108,334,456
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	9,070,113	24,572,172	26,468,889
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	32,137,564	58,154,734	88,519,568
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	9,767,738	33,834,227	37,241,126
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	71,337,500	133,252,847	261,039,921
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	59,747,242	132,761,738	149,803,023
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	29,595,480	114,769,358	69,851,634
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	97,694,800	191,750,600	84,048,200
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	26,618,775	73,607,243	94,917,691
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	6,561,141	17,740,403	41,617,818
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	22,022,557	48,832,990	31,427,441
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	53,527,048	145,689,120	169,647,105
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	19,957,608	74,342,233	61,586,393
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	25,729,664	97,061,976	150,219,878
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	20,074,204	144,814,935	76,590,345
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	5,171,911	221,277,462	21,978,899
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	37,911,004	142,055,109	65,184,428
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	14,594,131	54,570,148	25,446,942
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	22,373,947	86,238,562	127,777,388
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	3,478,651	6,071,454	10,451,748
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	13,999,841	29,671,524	29,922,415
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	53,957,454	75,300,364	43,763,365
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	24,201,250	78,826,312	94,960,413
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	10,494,386	23,570,636	59,058,752
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	21,093,860	58,818,547	53,598,801
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	4,608,718	20,223,810	23,295,308
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	12,029,977	44,154,092	75,518,580
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	6,377,861	8,770,036	5,388,719
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	45,752,907	118,030,307	54,994,917
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	9,350,409	31,793,090	74,607,866
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	3,725,367	12,040,612	14,966,788
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	14,166,095	67,658,884	37,025,412
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	7,079,900	17,982,118	18,178,713
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	19,275,711	75,220,718	37,950,133
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	26,248,513	79,573,813	70,585,062
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	53,085,312	135,738,276	142,674,855
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	14,575,619	59,559,667	56,939,740
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	12,096,940	23,145,179	23,834,367
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	4,727,416	12,752,924	10,715,109
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	13,130,635	43,833,519	42,931,050
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	1,592,000	4,593,988	13,484,844
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	14,758,904	45,339,047	51,560,547
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	16,692,626	44,770,776	29,617,534
52.	AKRON, OHIO	17,101,967	27,097,248	14,883,957
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	15,496,721	34,603,928	36,103,006
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	1,032,335	5,716,503	16,213,088
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	20,522,075	44,817,073	30,743,711
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	29,956,100	127,248,900	115,182,650
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	38,977,377	44,421,878	43,580,525
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	11,740,829	34,279,920	42,963,088
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	5,699,314	12,814,827	19,633,755
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	22,890,774	61,871,555	34,650,316
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	8,160,712	22,649,138	25,650,590
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	18,815,804	52,013,292	54,025,461
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	1,335,496	2,197,782	6,534,705
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	2,255,703	5,237,809	6,712,245
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	9,475,650	19,894,480	16,921,555
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	439,427	2,998,027	2,448,347
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	5,768,632	7,674,825	7,857,372
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	8,211,141	27,260,203	32,596,641
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	7,529,094	20,716,998	19,111,924
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	267,784	368,483	831,241
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,886,150	4,398,100	6,873,800
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	8,879,841	16,793,450	36,346,624
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	1,138,321	14,582,649	9,907,218
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	5,418,684	13,370,453	19,708,462
75.	GARY, INDIANA	1,982,727	7,188,821	1,942,079
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	30,571,077	38,308,456	14,601,894
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	4,691,637	13,818,703	12,914,479
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	26,209,980	64,477,761	46,983,879
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	8,668,901	27,895,239	27,260,941
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	4,376,231	10,884,976	2,942,264
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	27,867,282	58,794,265	37,312,638
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	10,524,101	28,519,828	40,806,509
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	10,210,633	45,131,398	33,678,745
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	20,776,563	32,668,750	13,343,569
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	4,335,584	6,758,973	19,602,252
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	12,140,504	20,048,346	17,198,367
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	993,640	3,267,961	3,550,109
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	6,708,068	27,237,747	12,750,196
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	2,535,952	24,627,890	36,713,252
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	4,294,221	11,806,162	20,915,738
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	2,792,209	10,923,146	18,642,080
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,766,918	33,235,575	17,419,470
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	4,577,389	9,385,829	13,716,446
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	731,183	1,531,384	10,753,901
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	11,101,008	23,225,395	14,949,556
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	4,322,998	18,730,935	15,187,914
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	688,793	1,713,820	1,448,169
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	6,641,515	14,834,990	39,604,940
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,367,532	6,488,996	3,128,021
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	2,701,832	11,372,403	5,591,707
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	$ 13,107,822	$ 21,260,330	$ 28,313,847
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	1,232,205	7,440,145	31,899,465
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	19,349,302	46,749,639	50,636,711
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	2,409,810	14,116,490	10,456,890
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	4,237,700	11,770,900	22,495,300
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA	5,153,226	19,557,747	29,975,753
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	6,372,165	15,098,435	23,758,126
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	7,737,398	19,440,006	21,741,769
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	12,646,304	21,722,566	4,841,141
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	747,625	965,825	4,775,378
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	17,146,133	31,680,689	45,903,582
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	914,370	4,436,054	12,772,339
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	14,676,702	71,450,326	36,649,176
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	1,645,460	3,518,291	6,611,641
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	3,512,780	9,647,318	4,514,331
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	363,520	3,941,340	8,505,938
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	3,427,262	12,560,992	9,782,656
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	12,136,141	31,172,845	31,516,767
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,409,820	6,886,680	6,316,610
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	1,947,529	4,339,198	11,405,882
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	11,325,592	54,194,494	29,045,449
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	5,177,178	11,055,780	11,499,452
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	1,040,422	4,247,122	15,033,141
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	11,878,547	15,609,866	14,945,161
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	8,616,437	28,964,323	20,598,474
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	1,090,772	2,207,410	2,900,609
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	11,342,625	18,935,065	19,775,392
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	5,214,376	13,433,538	12,054,851
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	292,360	854,360	3,121,398
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	2,150,635	4,035,741	7,643,731
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,249,476	5,357,832	3,894,640
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	9,029,115	21,065,771	42,880,090
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	2,579,597	6,974,048	5,624,835
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	3,148,281	6,227,747	6,318,818
135.	CANTON, OHIO	1,065,956	4,118,807	4,632,545
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	405,850	6,513,550	3,655,341
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	6,947,621	27,033,134	14,649,160
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	63,900,167	87,718,410	24,660,478
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	4,866,609	7,520,744	7,725,939
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	77,458	8,834,309	1,577,510
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	6,921,017	15,374,447	19,822,713
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	2,915,311	7,852,675	51,570,935
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	583,375	2,376,375	2,270,331
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	6,043,336	24,747,260	19,111,000
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	4,520,099	5,885,609	4,089,739
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	225,109	533,878	7,642,370
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	691,200	2,215,299	353,948
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	4,439,946	9,985,344	7,176,515
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	1,897,960	25,420,815	2,807,504
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	6,694,350	31,412,150	20,703,500
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	879,067	2,099,378	13,793,794
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	3,422,105	11,745,830	24,995,757
153.	PARMA, OHIO	723,800	1,453,966	1,394,400
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	762,964	3,452,123	12,068,116
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	38,759,016	48,576,398	45,202,361
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	3,216,409	9,317,545	5,711,732
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	8,212,069	16,537,953	12,340,777
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,644,511	3,960,265	4,103,438
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	79,188,154	154,675,318	49,256,964
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	437,580	1,376,062	484,395
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	14,991,228	24,636,349	7,148,071
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	12,363,740	25,946,293	23,575,986
163.	WACO, TEXAS	3,184,007	16,286,877	26,066,063
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	532,008	4,737,853	923,961
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	5,970,572	7,669,832	10,037,831
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	20,585,543	33,778,659	21,547,431
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	4,719,103	14,182,229	17,984,453
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	2,183,343	5,297,357	8,225,153
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	370,762	739,630	17,041,294
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	1,173,220	2,426,830	1,891,000
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	1,996,880	5,405,696	4,221,109
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	1,476,702	2,066,749	1,107,374
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	1,252,662	6,912,991	1,380,125
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	22,668,874	70,580,632	62,758,132
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	2,087,645	2,920,956	5,468,944
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	2,751,830	5,387,380	1,700,666
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	850,336	8,462,607	15,035,814
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	6,639,260	24,430,024	17,666,720
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	4,334,391	11,658,597	16,405,302
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	3,706,992	12,069,669	12,516,557
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	6,102,184	24,398,724	835,145
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	1,054,335	10,815,419	29,181,465
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	261,975	2,175,320	993,247
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	1,183,094	10,341,527	5,657,722
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	15,193,379	23,034,155	18,865,002
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	1,543,500	1,804,800	1,010,120
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	411,966	7,021,788	9,035,211
188.	GREENBAY, WISCONSIN	1,926,450	5,275,010	4,500,882
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	2,076,052	3,352,253	2,813,309
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	31,522,660	52,698,516	10,156,667
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	480,447	837,780	2,633,198
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	7,347,967	20,731,178	10,127,111
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	12,606,309	37,291,705	69,619,066
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	190,011	632,310	2,185,758
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	191,317	4,334,343	2,160,234
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	814,502	6,548,610	4,451,235
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	149,589	658,388	1,225,445
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	28,683,064	35,127,993	3,374,745
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	927,215	1,185,790	1,559,980
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	267,709	1,057,635	43,683,054
	TOTAL: 200 LARGEST CITIES Listed Above	$ 2,808,493,415	$ 7,595,533,501	$ 7,317,678,150

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